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For: DATA PROCESSING	)	Confirmation No.: 9326
APPARATUS, THE METHOD	)	
AND CODING APPARATUS	)	

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Sir:

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents on the attached listing. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under § 1.114 and, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of a first Office Action.

The attached listed foreign patent documents were cited in a communication from the European Patent Office in counterpart European Patent Application No. 05710701. A copy of the communication is also attached.

Applicants respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claims in the application and Applicant determines that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

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Respectfully submitted,

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